



SEX OR KIDNAPPING OFFENDER INFORMATION BULLETIN **LEVEL 2 NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE**

SPECIAL ASSAULT UNIT **SEX AND KIDNAPPING OFFENDER REGISTRATION DETAIL**

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The Seattle Police Department is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550 and the Washington State Supreme Court decision in State v. Ward, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex or kidnapping offenders release when; in the discretion of the agency, the release of information will enhance public safety and protection.

The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex or kidnapping offense that requires registration with the sheriff's office in the county of their residence. Further, their previous criminal history places them in a classification level which reflects the potential to re-offend.

This sex or kidnapping offender has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts and has advised the King County Department of Public Safety that he will be living in the location below. **HE IS NOT WANTED BY THE POLICE AT THIS TIME. THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT INTENDED TO INCREASE FEAR; RATHER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT AN INFORMED PUBLIC IS A SAFER PUBLIC.**

The Seattle Police Department has no legal authority to direct where a sex or kidnapping offender may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, this offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he chooses.

Sex and kidnapping offenders have always lived in our communities; but it wasn't until passage of the Community Protection Act of 1990 (which mandates sex and kidnapping offender registration) that law enforcement even knew where they were living. In many cases, law enforcement is now able to share that information with you. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex or kidnapping offenders will not be tolerated. Further, such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to do community notifications. We believe the only person who wins if community notification ends is the sex or kidnapping offender, since they derive their power through secrecy.

The Seattle Police Department Crime Prevention Division is available to help you set up block watches and to provide you with useful information on personal safety. Crime Prevention may be reached at 684-7555. If you have information regarding current criminal activity of this or any other offender, please call 9-1-1.



Dowdy, Vincent L. B/M 11/22/50
Age 51

5'7", 170 pounds, black hair, brown eyes.
Tattoo on left forearm.

Vincent Leroy Dowdy was convicted of one count of Assault 3 with Sexual Motivation in King County on 12/20/96. The victim in this case was an adult female friend Dowdy had invited over to his apartment. The victim requested to be taken home and at that point Dowdy physically assaulted the victim in an attempt to complete a sexual assault.

Dowdy continues to place blame upon the victim and file material indicates he has received no sex offender treatment. Dowdy is no longer under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. He has registered as a sex offender as required by law and is living in the 1700 of Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Additional sex or kidnapping offender information:

As of the date of this bulletin, there are 16,181 sex or kidnapping offenders who have registered as required (since 2/28/90) and are living in Washington State. 3,558 of these are registered to King County addresses. 1,249 are registered to addresses within the city limits of Seattle. State-wide there are an additional 3,049 sex or kidnapping offenders who are required to register and have not and are actively being pursued by law enforcement.